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RE: SACRED LANDS; Tierra del Sol; 3600 12-005 (REZ); 3300 12-010 (MUP) 3910 12-021-004 (ER); Quad: Tierra del Sol; Section: 13 and 24; Township: 17S; Range: 06E

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) has listed you as a contact that may have information regarding cultural resources. The above referenced proposed project is a Major Use Permit for the construction and operation of a 60MW solar energy system on an approximately 420-acre site and a Rezone to remove the "A" Special Area Designator (Agricultural Preserve Area) from the parcels.

The project site is located within the Boulevard Community Plan area of the Unincorporated County of San Diego, adjacent to the US/Mexico border (APN 658-120-03-00, 658-090-31-00, 658-090-55-00, 658-120-02-00, 658-090-54-00) and is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County of San Diego Resource Protection Ordinance (RPO).

The project would be completed in two phases; phase I consisting of 1,910 concentrating photovoltaic (CPV) trackers on approximately 330 acres and phase II consisting of 619 CPV trackers on approximately 90 acres. Also included would be a 1,000 volt DC underground collection system, a 34.5 kV overhead and underground collection system to link the CPV systems to the onsite substation, a 4-acre operations and maintenance (O&M) area including a 7,500 square foot O&M building, a 3-acre onsite private collector substation site, 31 to 46 inverter stations and a 138 kV overhead transmission line connecting the onsite private collector substation to SDG&E's proposed Boulevard Substation.

The project site is accessed off of Tierra Del Sol Road. Internal circulation would be provided by 24-foot graded and 12-foot improved (with an all weather surface) fire access roads located in the north/south direction (and in the east/west direction every fourth row) and 20-foot wide service roads located in the north/south direction. The project would also include a restroom in the operations and maintenance building which would be served by septic. Water to be used during the construction and maintenance phases would be provided by an onsite well. Earthwork would consist of the balanced cut and fill of approximately 694,450 cubic yards of material.

The County is requesting your participation in the identification of Sacred Lands. The project is currently in the process of environmental review. Any information you have regarding cultural places will be kept strictly confidential and will not be divulged to the public. Although we are providing to you for the purposes of your review this confidential information regarding the location of cultural places, this information is not available to the public.

The County of San Diego feels that your comments regarding decisions that may affect cultural resources are very important. Please forward any comments regarding this project Diane Buell by **August 5, 2012**. If you have any questions, you can reach me at (858) 694-3721; further contact information can be found below.

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Sincerely,

Diane Buell

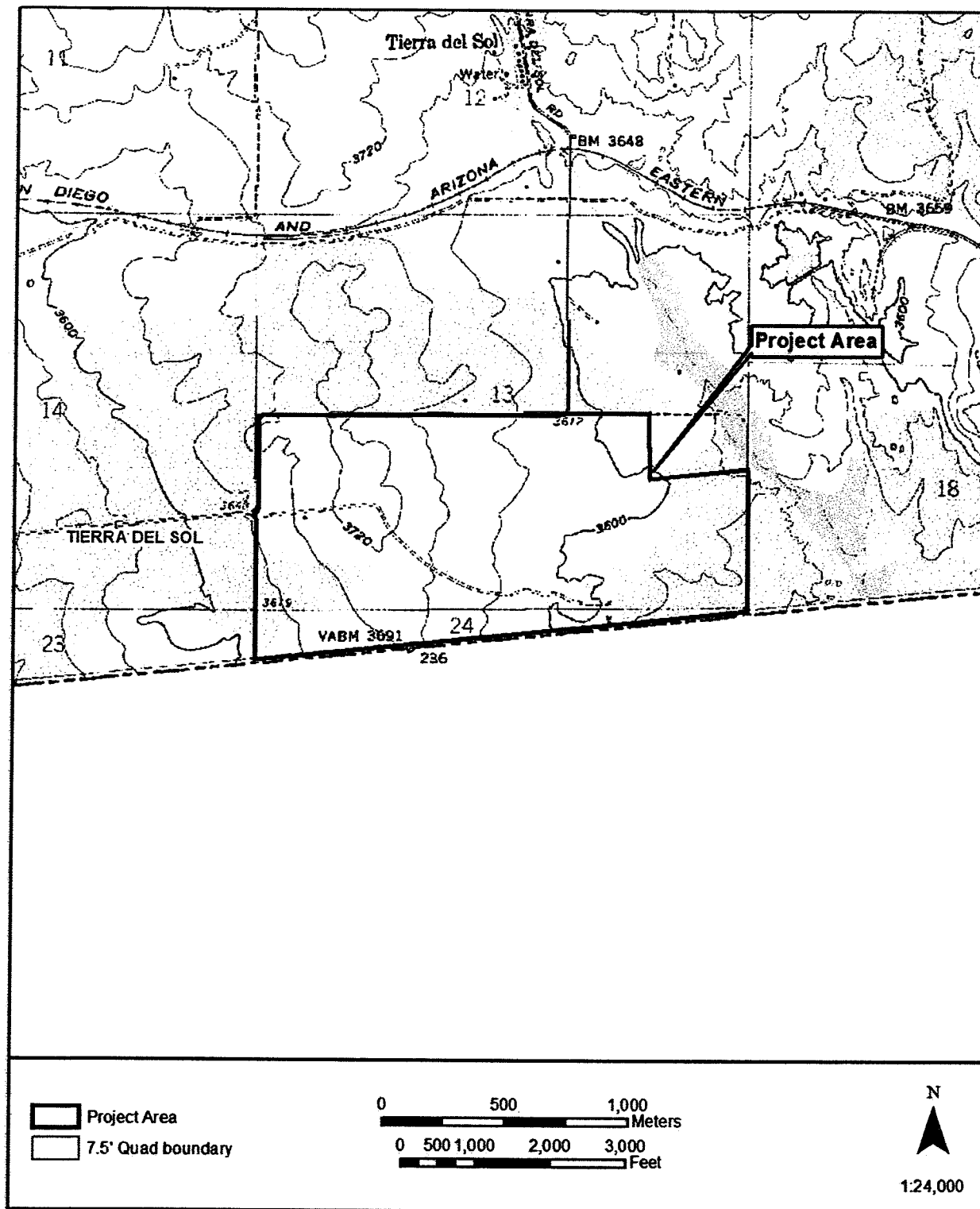
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Attachment

USGS Tierra del Sol Map

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Project location map.

